Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles

Notification under Article 4:4

Extension of the bilateral agreement between the United States and China

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of an extension of its bilateral agreement with China for the two-year period 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1993.

The bilateral agreement and previous amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1412 and 1511.

*English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente
August 9, 1991

The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textile Surveillance Body
GATT
Rue de Lausanne 154
1211 Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

I enclose herewith, pursuant to Article 4.4 of the Arrangement, copies of notes extending the current bilateral textile agreement between the United States and China for a further two years, i.e., from January 1, 1992 through December 31, 1993. The terms of the agreement, as amended, are unchanged.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counsellor

Enclosure
Mr. H. Jon Rosenbaum  
Senior Policy Advisor  
Office of the United States  
Trade Representative  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rosenbaum:

I have the honor to refer to your letter of April 23, 1991 which reads as follows:

"I have the honor to refer to the Agreement between our two governments, signed on February 2, 1988, concerning trade in cotton, wool, man-made fiber, vegetable fiber other than cotton, and silk blend textiles and textile products, as amended (the Agreement), and to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (the Arrangement), done at Geneva on December 20, 1973, as extended by protocol of July 31, 1986. I also have the honor to refer to the consultations held between representatives of our governments on March 11-12 in Hawaii on issues related to our bilateral textile trade (the consultations).

As discussed in the consultations, I propose on behalf of the Government of the United States of America that the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

The Agreement Term shall be extended to include the two-year period from January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1993. During this two-year period, all provisions of the Agreement, including those provisions regarding base levels, growth rates and flexibility shall be extended without change. The quota year ending December 31, 1993 shall be considered the final year of this Arrangement. Upon adoption of a successor document to the Arrangement, the two Governments will hold consultations in order to discuss the matter of continuation or modification of the Agreement."
If this proposal is acceptable to your Government, then this letter and your Government's letter of acceptance shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

I wish to confirm that your proposed amendment conforms to the understanding of the Chinese Government. Therefore, your letter and this letter of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Sincerely,

Li Guodong
Director
Foreign Trade Administration
Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade
Mr. Li Guodong  
Department Director  
Foreign Trade Administration  
Ministry of Foreign Economic  
Relations and Trade  
Beijing

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[Signature]

H. Jon Rosenbaum  
Senior Policy Advisor  
Office of the United States Trade Representative